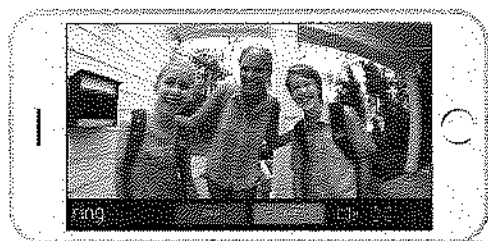


# EL MONTE P.D. TEAMS UP WITH RING

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## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION

Burglary victims often feel vulnerable and violated as their personal space has been invaded. Residential burglaries often occur during the day while families are at work or school. Household tools like hammers, screwdrivers, pry bars and pliers may be used to gain entry into your home.

Unfortunately, it is hard to catch burglars in the act and harder to catch them after the fact. While residential burglaries seem random in nature, there is a simple selection process. Unoccupied homes with easy or concealed access and quick escape routes are targeted. Protect yourself and make your home a less likely target with the following suggestions:

## BRIGHT IDEAS

Install lights by all exterior doors. Use lights at night.

Install outside light fixtures where bulbs are hard to reach.

Illuminate house numbers for quick emergency services response.

Trim shrubs back from doors and windows. Don't give burglars places to hide.



## KNOW WHAT'S APPENING

SOCIAL MEDIA APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### Kik Messenger



Anyone on this photo sharing app can download other users' photos and videos without their knowledge. Parents should be aware of this app as it is used by many teens to share photos and videos.

### The Calculator



There are dozens of these very popular apps designed to look like the phone's calculator. In a teen's phone, these apps often contain hidden features like a search history.

### Tik Tok (formerly Musical.ly)



This app was originally designed for teens to post and view short videos. It is now one of the most downloaded apps and is used by many teens to post videos and view comments from other users.

### Hot or Not



A "like & dislike" app based on student generated polls that rates user's looks, interests, and language. Questions such as "Who's the ugliest kid in your school?" are common.

### Ask.fm



The popular cyberbullying app is used to ask embarrassing and hurtful questions of kids, often leading to cyberbullying and even suicide.

### After School



This app is a chat room for every school where students can anonymously post in every conceivable forum. Cyberbullying messages often include references to posting photos, alcohol, and drug use.

